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TO AMEMBASSY VALLETTA PRIORITY

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SUBJECT:LOAN AGREEMENT

1. DEPARTMENT RECEIVED ON FEBRUARY 5 COMMERCIAL TELEGRAM  
FROM MALTESE FOREIGN MINISTRY TRANSMITTING THIRD PERSON  
DIPLOMATIC NOTE REGARDING THE FIVE MILLION DOLLAR LOAN.  
HEREWITH IS THE BODY OF NOTE.

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE MINISTRY OF COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS OF MALTA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND WITH REFERENCE TO THE 5 MILLION  
DOLLAR A.I.D. SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE LOAN HAS THE HONOUR TO  
INFORM AS FOLLOWS:

3. THE GOVERNMENT OF MALTA IS PREPARED TO UTILIZE THE  
LOAN TO OBTAIN ITEMS OF EXCESS EQUIPMENT LOCATED IN THE  
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UNITED STATES UNDER THE SAME CONDITIONS SET OUT IN THE

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS DATED NOVEMBER 6, 1972 NAMELY THAT  
THE EXCESS PROPERTY ACQUIRED WILL BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE AN  
AVERAGE VALUE OF 55 PER CENT OF ORIGINAL ACQUISITION COST.

4. IN THE CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES THE GOVERNMENT OF MALTA  
WISHES THAT THE LISTS SUBMITTED BY THIS MINISTRY UNDER  
COVER OF A NOTE VERBALE DATED 26TH DECEMBER, 1974 INSOFAR

AS THEY RELATE TO EQUIPMENT LOCATED IN THE UNITED STATES  
BE URGENTLY CONSIDERED AS THE FIRST ORDER TO BE DEFRAYED  
FROM THIS LOAN. THE MINISTRY WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF THIS  
MATTER BE TREATED WITH THE UTMOST URGENCY AND IF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE WOULD LET THE MINISTRY KNOW HOW AND  
WHEN THE SURPLUS EQUIPMENT COULD REACH MALTA.

5. SIMILARLY THE MINISTRY WOULD LIKE TO CONFIRM THAT THE  
GOVERNMENT OF MALTA WISHES TO URGENTLY ACQUIRE THE TUG  
BOAT (TD-62) LOCATED AT COLBERY YARD, STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA  
AND TO HAVE ITS COST DEFRAYED OUT OF THE LOAN, IT BEING  
UNDERSTOOD THAT THE COST OF THIS TUG WOULD BE UP TO TEN  
PER CENT OF ORIGINAL ACQUISITION COST AS SPECIFIED IN THE  
U.S. EMBASSY'S NOTE VERBALE NO. 75 DATED NOVEMBER 6, 1974.

6. IT IS REGRETTED THAT THE LISTS CONTAINED ITEMS LOCATED  
AT HUNTERS POINT NAVAL SHIPYARD, AS THE MALTA TEAM WAS  
UNDER THE MISTAKEN IMPRESSION THAT THE VARIOUS ITEMS  
INSPECTED BY THEM WERE CLASSIFIED AS SURPLUS TO REQUIRE-  
MENTS. THE MINISTRY WOULD BE GRATEFUL TO BE INFORMED  
AS SOON AS THE INSPECTED EQUIPMENT BECOMES CLASSIFIED  
AS EXCESS PROPERTY.

7. THE GOVERNMENT OF MALTA WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR THE  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S ASSISTANCE TO ARRANGE FOR ANOTHER  
VISIT BY A TEAM FROM MALTA TO SELECT FURTHER EXCESS  
EQUIPMENT FROM LOCATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES WHICH HAVE  
NOT YET BEEN VISITED. END TEXT.

8. WE ARE PUZZLED BY REFERENCE TO LISTS SUBMITTED UNDER  
COVER OF NOTE VERBALE DATED 26 DECEMBER 1974. WE HAVE  
NO SUCH NOTE. PLEASE ASK GOM TO FURNISH EMBASSY WITH  
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THESE LISTS FOR TRANSMISSION TO THE DEPARTMENT.

9. IN MEANTIME, WE ARE WORKING ON OTHER ASPECTS OF GOM  
REQUEST AND EXPECT TO REPLY THROUGH EMBASSY EARLY NEXT  
WEEK. KISSINGER

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